Prior to reconsideration of the claimed invention, please amend the claims as follows:

In the claims:

36. (Amended) A cover for sealing an open-topped container comprising:

a piece of heat shrinkable film shaped and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said container, wherein said piece of heat shrinkable film is a film substrate that contracts when heated and which is transparent to radiant energy thereby remaining unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy, further wherein said downwardly extending portion includes a first means to absorb radiant energy, to transfer heat to said downwardly extending portion upon said first means being exposed to a radiant energy source wherein said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk onto said container to form a spill resistant cover upon exposure to a radiant energy source.

37. (Amended) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises adapting said [thin] film substrate to absorb energy by imparting opacity to the downwardly extending area.

41. (Amended) A roll of heat shrinkable film for use in a device for forming spill resistant covers on open-topped containers, said roll comprising:

a plurality of severable pieces of heat shrinkable film formed in a continuous film, each piece being shaped and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said container wherein said heat shrinkable film is a film substrate that contracts when heated and which is transparent to radiant energy thereby remaining unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy, further wherein said downwardly extending portion includes a first means to absorb radiant energy to transfer heat to said downwardly extending portion upon said first means being exposed to a

radiant energy source wherein said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk onto said container to form a spill resistant cover upon exposure to a radiant energy source.

Please add the following new claims:

43. The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means is a susceptor material carried by the film substrate said susceptor material being sufficiently opaque to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb said radiant energy.

44. The heat shrinkable film of claim 41 wherein said first means is a susceptor material carried by the film substrate said susceptor material being sufficiently opaque to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb said radiant energy.

45. The cover of claim 43 wherein said susceptor material is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate forming a susceptor layer at those specific portions and other portions of said film substrate are free of susceptor material and are substantially transparent to radiant energy, and wherein upon said cover being exposed to a source of radiant energy said transparent portions transmit said radiant energy without appreciable warming and said portions carrying said susceptor material heat sufficiently to cause a shrinkage of said susceptor carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential shrinkage in a predetermined manner.

46. The heat shrinkable film of claim 44 wherein said susceptor material is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate forming a susceptor layer at those specific portions and other portions of said film substrate are free of susceptor material and are substantially transparent to radiant energy, and wherein upon said heat-shrinkable film being exposed to a source of radiant energy said transparent portions transmit said radiant energy without appreciable warming and said portions carrying said